I can't...

...believe this is happening.
Is this a dream?

Doctor, you...

30 minutes earlier.

Hello.
We've met before, right?
Ah...?
Yes!!
Nice...
nice to see you,
Miss Madelyn!
We meet again!
Yes...
But how did you
know my name...
Ah!
Ah...
Strange...
Haha ..hahaha....
.....

I... I don't know!
I must've developed superpowers or something!
?

Wait.
I have a favor to ask of you.

Freeze
?!

...Favor?

Thank you! You're a true friend!!

HEART OF A COMPANION

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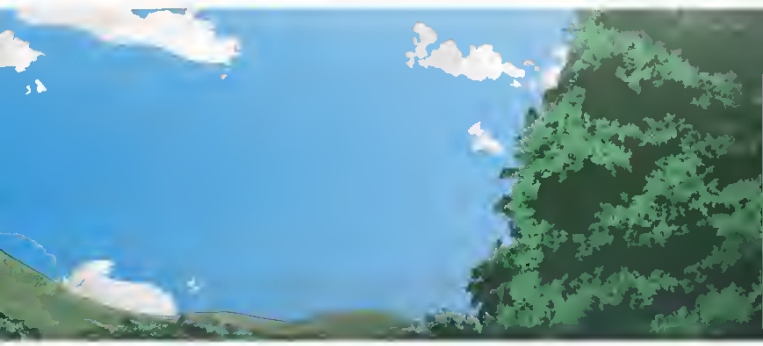

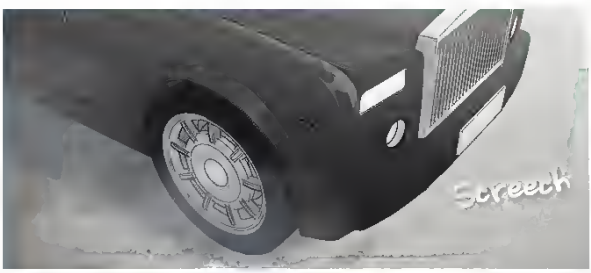
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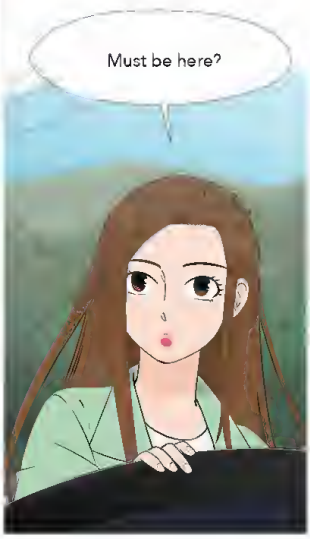
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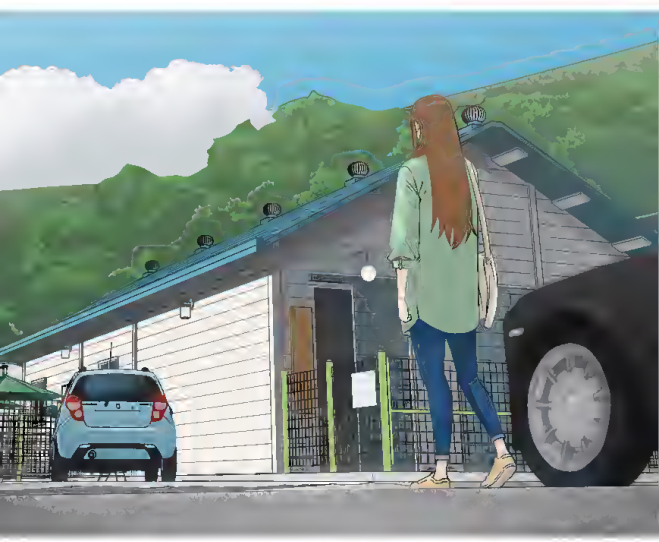

Miss Madelyn?

Jake called me so I was waiting for you.
My name's Samuel Baek.

Hello.
My name is Madelyn Eom. It's a pleasure to meet you.
No no.
The pleasure is all mine.

Those gentlemen...
Ah, them...

Jake mentioned that there'd be more volunteers,
but I didn't realize there would be so many.
Volunteer?

You're Jake's friend, right?
Thank you for coming.

What...

What would you like us to do, sir?
Jeez ... what a gentleman ...

Let's see...
Mr. Choi? Where are you?
Silence...
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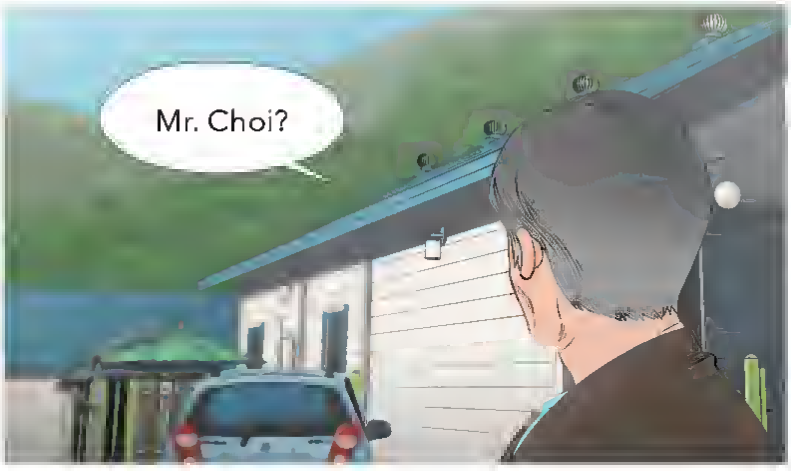
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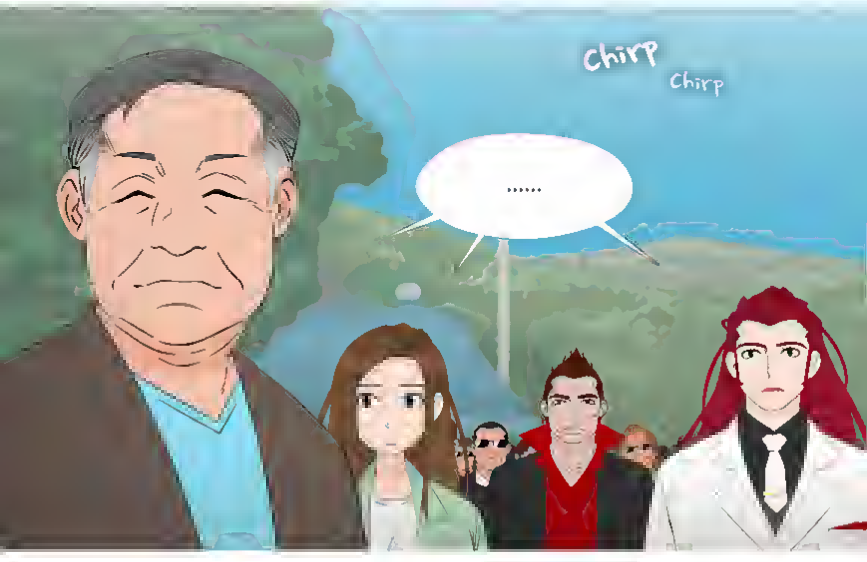
Chirp
Chirp
.....

Hey Mr Choi!!!
Where are you??
Lazing around again?!
ROARRRR!

Here! I was working, jeez!
How many times did I call you!!!

There are people here to volunteer so help them out!
There are a~ lot of them! An exponential amount!
Tell them to come over here!

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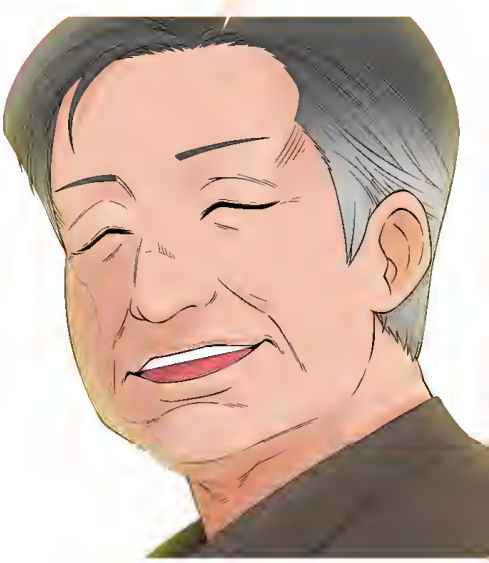
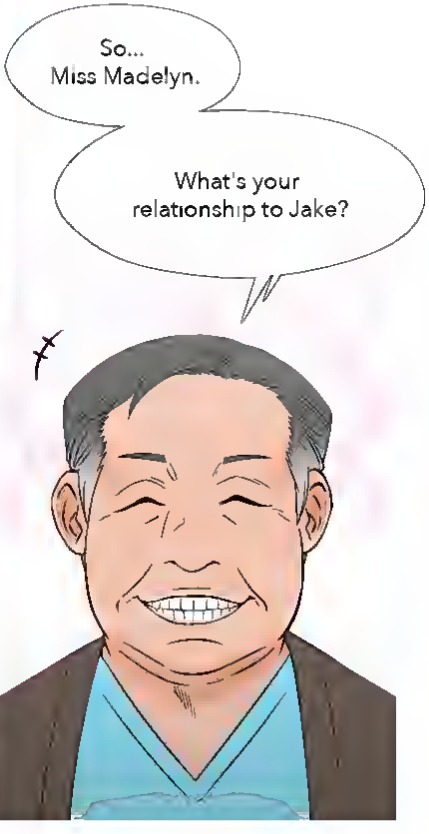
Thank you.

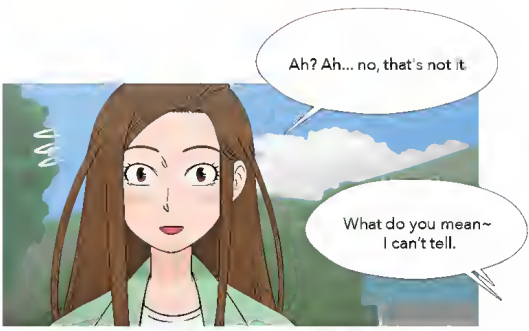
We were short on help because people haven't been volunteering these days.



He'll help you if you head to the back of the building over there.
We'll treat you all to a good lunch.
Ye...yes, sir!
Thank you.
Now... Shall we go to that bench for a lil' chat?
Ah... yes.

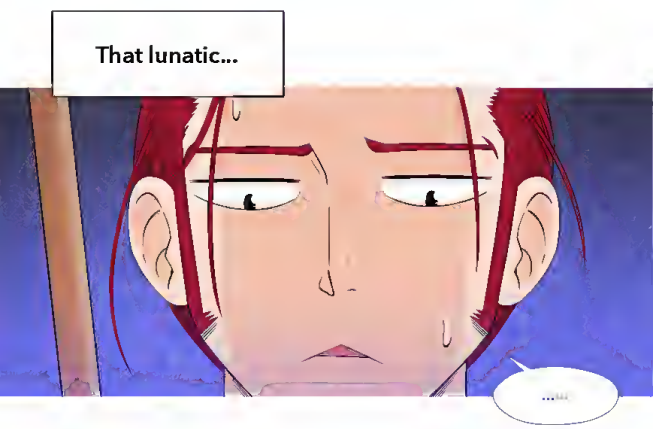

So...
Miss Madelyn.
What's your relationship to Jake?

Excuse me?
What...
Jake hasn't
been around for months
I guess you're the reason why?


Ah? Ah... no, that's not it
What do you mean~
I can't tell.

Jake should've told me earlier.
He kept making up excuses
like having to treat a tiger.
A tiger is impressive but...
Don't you think that
lie was pushing it
too far? Eh?
Ah...yes.

What did he say again? Something about the tiger's owner buying a hill?
What kind of lunatic would buy a hill for his tiger?
He's not Mike Tyson or anything...
Haha..


That lunatic...
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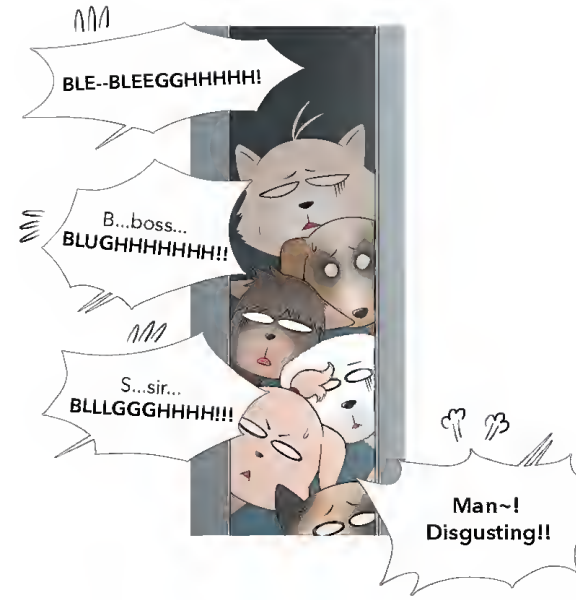
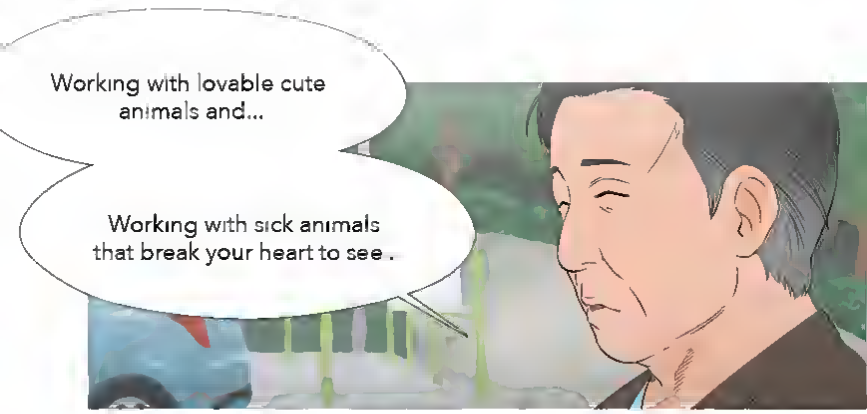
Cleaning dog poop.
What are you doing?
Aren't you going to help?

...EUMPH.
EH~!
Gentlemen! You can't do that here~!


BLE--BLEEGGHHHHH!
B...boss... BLUGHHHHHHH!!
S...sir... BLLLGGGHHHH!!!
Man~! Disgusting!!

I heard from Jake
You wanted to be a caregiver?
Were my words a little harsh?

Have you decided on what you wanted to do?
There are a lot of things you can do with a caregiver license...
To be honest... I was interested in adoption but after talking to Jake...
...Puppy mills.
Hmmm... that means you're still deciding on what you want to do...
Even if you start with a heart for animals...
There are job routes that earn you a lot of money and some that don't.
And as a result, people all decide to choose the path where they can make the most money.
And people like us... well you can probably see.


Working with lovable cute animals and...
Working with sick animals that break your heart to see .

Usually people choose the first. But we can't criticize them for doing so.
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Ah...
Did that sound depressing?

No no, I'd like to hear more.
To be honest
it hasn't been long since
I got Budgie.
I don't really know how
an animal shelter works

Really? Jake didn't tell you?
Jake would know a lot
about shelters.

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